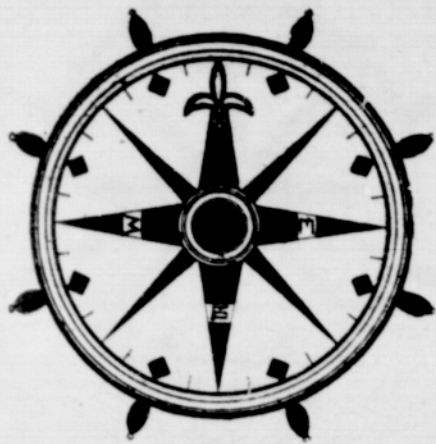
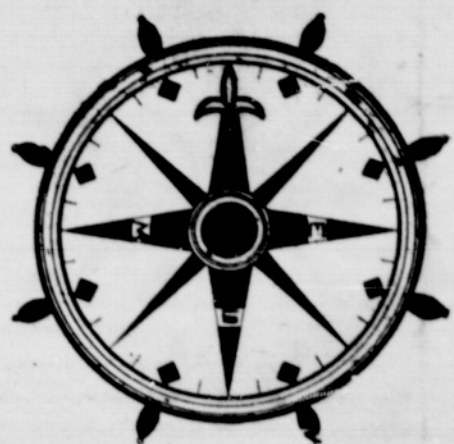




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## On the Reef

By BILL PHELPS

There are times when you just have to stop and wonder whether it's all worthwhile. Take me, for instance. I've been sweating away on this sheet, pouring my life blood (what's left after Ed Samuel got through with me) into it... and do you know what most people are talking about? The grocery advertisements.

Now I like to eat... as practically anyone can see by looking at me. I even like to read grocery ads. Especially do I like to read grocery ads in our own newspaper.

And I don't suppose I should mind matching my prose against the price of lettuce at the Hiway Market, or carrots at Dimmicks, or onions at Redfields, or watermelons at Freemans. But when my prose comes off second best... then it hurts.

This all started when a man came in from Crescent City last week, to inform me one of our subscribers didn't live there any more. "I work in the post-office," said the man, "and I've just been tossing the paper aside, since we didn't have his forwarding address, and I knew you didn't want it back. But last week we noticed the grocery ads, so we came up here to shop. I guess you better send me the paper from now on. We like to shop here."

Now we've got a lot of subscribers. And I suppose they subscribe for lots of different reasons. But I'll be darned if I like it when they subscribe because of the grocery ads.

But maybe I'll find my true life work yet. Maybe I could write a market column. Then they'd read my stuff.

Or better yet, I'll start collecting starfish. You think there's no future in that? You're wrong.

Betty Smyth of the Chamber of Commerce, has a letter from a lady asking if she'll help her get some starfish off our Brookings beaches. She wants them, she says, to decorate her bathroom walls.

Now here I see the beginning of an industry that might revolutionize the economy of Southern Curry County. If we could sell the majority of housewives of this nation on the idea of starfish for the bathroom walls, we'd really have something... In fact, starfish might become just as necessary to a bathroom as... well, as a bathtub. Maybe even more so, since I've heard of people getting along for years without bathtubs, while no self-respecting wife would want to be found without a Brookings starfish on her walls.

I'm not quite sure what the going price for starfish is. The lady wants them in all different sizes... a couple of dozens. If you've got any, why don't you take them over to Betty Smyth. She works at the Oregon State Bank.

If she isn't there, put them on Estes Morton's desk.

## FIRE HYDRANTS IN CITY SOON

A contract by which the City of Brookings will get its long-awaited fire hydrants was scheduled to be signed next week by representatives of the city government and the Brookings Water company.

Under terms of the agreement, 20 new hydrants are scheduled to be added to the city water mains during the next 15 months.

Ten of the hydrants will be installed between October 20 and January 20, and ten more will be connected during the following year.

The general outline of the agreement was drawn at an informal discussion between City Council officials and the Brookings Water company, held Tuesday at the City Hall.

Locations of the hydrants have not yet been completely determined, pending final negotiations of the contract. It is stipulated, however, that the first ten will include a number in the high-risk area, at the center of town.

Negotiations for the installations of the hydrants have been stalled for a year, pending such a contract. Included in the contract will be the stipulation that the city shall reimburse the company for depreciated value of the hydrants, if the city should construct its own water system.

## Shooting of Doe Brings Stiff Fines

The shooting of a doe deer last week cost Howard Gardner \$300.

Gardner pled guilty to two separate charges in two separate courts Thursday, after he had been arrested by city policeman Don Webberley near Azalea Park in possession of a freshly-killed doe.

Municipal Judge Hans Nelson, fined Gardner \$50 for the crime of firing a gun within the city limits, the only city ordinance which applies to the case.

Justice of the Peace Charles S. Schaal added \$250 fine and 4.50 costs after Gardner pled guilty to hunting during illegal hours, the charge brought against him by State Policeman Ray Gardner. A jail sentence was suspended upon payment of the fine.

Webberley reported that he heard the shot Wednesday night as he was passing Azalea Park, and investigated. He found Gardner in possession of the deer and the rifle he had used to kill it. The rifle was confiscated.

## SOUTH COAST MILLING INITIATES NEW PLANT



Watchfully waiting (and anticipating) crowds were common at the blood bank. Here are: standing in rear, Clara Goyke, with an unidentified patron. On the bench, front to rear, Janet Crump, Iris Lindel, Mrs. Fred Fox and Mrs. Glen Huft. In the foreground, back to camera, Wes Kindel, Dolly Brainard and Mary McMann. Being stuck, Mrs. Irene Crump, and behind the desk, Mrs. Henrietta Dill and Dr. Samuel. —(Brookings Studio Photo)

## Blood Bank Gives First Transfusions

The Brookings Walking Blood Bank went into operation for the first time Tuesday, as two people responded to an urgent call for blood for a Brookings resident in Seaside hospital.

The patient, Mrs. Fay Clemmer of Brookings, was suffering from an internal hemorrhage, and needed blood immediately, according to Dr. Ronniger.

The call was made for 0 positive blood by Dr. Paul Ronniger from Crescent City Tuesday. Within ten minutes, Frenchy Arrell, chairman of the bank, and Ed Samuel had located the first two of the potential donors, and had them started for the hospital.

Les Dimmick and Mary Jane Brimm, the first two people contacted with 0 positive blood, volunteered to give blood to the patient.

Two more donors were scheduled to follow if necessary, to replenish blood for the patient.

The Blood Bank in this case saved at least several hours time, according to Chairman Arrell. If it had been necessary to type donors until the proper type was found, it might have been too late for the case.

## POLICE CHIEF RESIGNS POST

William B. Brown, Brookings' first police chief, has resigned his post, due to ill health.

No successor to Bill has as yet been chosen, according to Mayor Robert Dimmick. The City Council is in the process of considering applicants for the job.

Plans are indefinite for the Browns. Part of the trouble that Bill has had here with his health is due to malaria contracted during his service in the Pacific, and to other service-caused conditions. He is expected to enter Veteran's hospital in Portland for a check-up and possible further treatment.

Chief Brown organized the Brookings Police Department when the city was incorporated two years ago, and has been head of it ever since. He is credited with an excellent record in office.

One of the outstanding highlights of Bill's term of duty here was registered last year, when he single-handedly stopped two murderers fleeing from Crescent City. After they had passed his road-block, Bill overtook them in Brookings, forced them to a stop, and took them into custody, although both were armed.

Police duties here will remain in charge of patrolman Don Webberley until a new chief has been appointed by the City Council.

## HERE FROM KANSAS

Mrs. Mae D. Smith of Kansas City, Kansas is a house guest of Col. and Mrs. Lee Rice where she plans to spend two weeks.

Mrs. Smith is employed in the Department of Revenue and Taxation, State of Kansas in the Wyandotte County Courthouse.

The newly-formed South Coast Milling Company opened its new plant at Brookings this week, and at the same time inaugurated water shipment for their finished products.

The new mill, located just north of the city, opened for business Wednesday, with full production slated for next week.

An open-house for interested people is planned at the mill next week, so that interested people may see it in action.

Planing machinery which has been installed is the most modern available, according to Warren T. Smith, secretary of the group which owns the mill. Some of the machinery used has never before been installed in a planing mill along the coast.

As important as the mill, itself, though, are the methods by which the company plans to market its products. Finished lumber from the mill will be transported by barge from Crescent City to Los Angeles.

Ultimate plans are for the movement of 4,000,000 feet per month from the mill, when running at capacity.

Eight local saw mills are included in the group which will feed rough lumber to South Coast. The finished lumber will be packaged at the mill and distributed under South Coast's trade mark, "Socomi".

By providing a superior, well-packaged product, and by reducing transportation costs, South Coast hopes to build a steady demand for Brookings products, according to Smith. Buyers have always shown a preference for Southern Oregon timber, he said, and the reduced costs due to water transportation should increase that demand.

Initial orders for South Coast products are already being taken, and rough lumber has been stockpiled at the mill preparatory to the beginning of operations. Saue Brothers Ocean Towing Company will barge the lumber from Crescent City to Los Angeles.

C. L. "Bill" Fallert is president of the South Coast Company, with Charles Ames vice president. Warren T. Smith is secretary and Estes Morton is treasurer.

Construction of the mill was carried forward by Art Joelsen, who was construction foreman.

## Lutheran Church Has Noted Soloist Sunday

The Brookings Lutheran church presented solos by Mrs. Claudine Warren of Los Angeles, during last Sunday's services.

Mrs. Warren has had many years of experience as a concert singer. She is a long time friend of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Aldrich, and was their guest at Brookings for the past week.

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